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DOD HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE/MCCOLLUM AMENDMENT

(U) ISSUE: Administration of DoD authority to transport DoD excess supplies in support of Afghan humanitarian assistance programs.

(C) SETTING:

Section 2547 of Title 10 USC gives SecDef permanent authority to donate non-lethal DoD excess property to qualified recipients world-wide. Section 305 of the FY 1986 Defense Authorization Act authorized the appropriation of \$10M to transport DoD excess property exclusively to the Afghan people.

Funding for the FY 1987 McCollum program will almost certainly be renewed in the Continuing Resolution. Both the Senate and the House versions appropriate \$10M in new money and authority to use prior year funds until expended. Of the \$10M appropriated for FY 1986, between \$5-6M were not spent. This combined funding and authority will give the McCollum program between \$15-16M for FY 1987.

To date DoD has flown 9 missions to Pakistan. Approximately 831,362 pounds of cargo have been moved. Through 30 September 111 patients were brought to the U.S. and 9 to Great Britain. Thirty two Afghan patients have returned to Pakistan aboard McCollum flights.

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(C) FUTURE STATUS OF MCCOLLUM PROGRAM

The C-5 mission scheduled for October 7 was cancelled by the GOP because of conflicts with another mission. It was suggested that it could be rescheduled for October 14, if the problems could be resolved. The DoD Director of Humanitarian Assistance did not concur with the October 14 proposal because the entire McCollum program must be restructured which will take more than a few weeks.

If the McCollum program comes up in discussions with GOP officials, the following talking points are provided:

- DoD is committed to providing only useable excess property to the Afghan people and is making every effort to correct the identified problems.
- The FY 1986 law which was narrow in its authority will hopefully be broadened in FY 1987 which will allow DoD to use appropriated funds to accomplish such requirements as selective accessing, inspections and custom packing or repacking where necessary. These new procedures will require using considerably more of the McCollum funds within DoD than occurred in FY 1986.
- All excess cargo in the pipeline will be inspected and repacked.
- New useability standards are being drafted for all DLA suppliers. Stricter useability standards will reduce considerably the quantity of excess property available.
- DoD/DLA will make a greater effort to locate "A" condition property in the excess property system. We cannot however provide new property unless it has been declared excess.
- If the new funding authority is broad enough, DoD is prepared to bring GOP and Afghan participants in the excess property program to the U.S. for an indepth review of the program and the processes involved.

- DoD will notify U.S. Embassy when the necessary changes have been implemented and when we will be prepared to resume flights. We are committed to do this as soon as possible.

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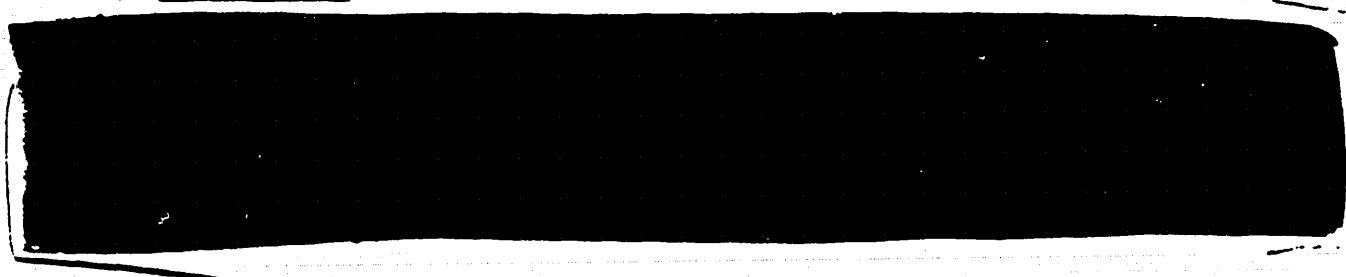
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and are making every effort to fly the C-141 mission on 25 October, 1986 as a combined cargo, returning passenger and patient airlift mission.

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